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In Re Application of:

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Application No.: 10/593,007

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Title: COMBINATION VACCINES WITH LOW DOSE OF HIB CONJUGATE

Examiner: Li, Bao Q.

Group Art Unit: 1648

Confirmation No.: 6488

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 24, 2009, for which a response was initially due July 24, 2009. Accordingly, a three-month extension of time in which to respond is requested and the required fee accompanies this response.

The Examiner required election of one of the following three groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a combined vaccine, a method of making and a method of preparing the vaccine, wherein the vaccine comprises diphtheria (D), tetanus (T), pertussis (P) and haemophilus influenza type b (Hib);

Group II, claims 14 and 16 in part, drawn to a vaccine and a method of using the same wherein the vaccine comprises D, T, P, Hib and HBsAg; and

Group III, claims 15 and 16 in part, drawn to a vaccine and a method of using the same wherein the vaccine comprises D, T, P, Hib and a polio antigen.


Applicants elect to proceed with Group I, claims 1-13, without traverse.
Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

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